

WOMAN TELLS OF ORDER TO GET OUT OF HOTEL

Says She and Her Husband Were
Told They Were
Criminals.

ROUTED FROM BED AT 1 A. M.

Hotel Astor Disowns the Act of the As-
sistant Manager as Un-
authorized.

Mrs. Helen W. Favis of Birmingham, Ala., who, with her husband, Edward Favis, is suing the Hotel Astor for damages for being ejected from the hotel at 2 o'clock on the morning of May 9, 1910, after an anonymous letter had been received at the hotel saying that Mr. Favis was not married, took the witness stand before Justice Erlanger in the supreme court yesterday and told of the incident. Mr. and Mrs. Favis are suing for \$50,000 each.

Mrs. Favis identified her marriage certificate, showing that Helen Favis had been married to Edward W. Favis on June 4, 1908. She said that she and her husband arrived in town at 6 A. M., May 8, 1910, and went directly to the Hotel Astor, where they were assigned to room 501. They remained in their room in the forenoon. In the afternoon a woman cousin and Dr. Archie Oberndorfer, a distant relative, called. They all went out together shortly after 6 o'clock and Mr. and Mrs. Favis did not return until about 11 o'clock, when they retired.

Mrs. Favis continued that she was awakened by a knock on the door after 1 A. M. A voice said that there was ice water for them. Mr. Favis told the person outside that they did not want any ice water. The same thing was repeated five minutes later and Mr. Favis told the person outside not to disturb them again. Then the person outside told Mr. Favis he had an important message for him. Mr. Favis opened the door a little way and it was pushed back and a man entered.

"He looked at me," continued Mrs. Favis, "and said, 'That woman is not your wife. You will have to get out of this hotel or I will have you arrested and put in jail.' Mr. Favis replied, 'You don't know what you're talking about.' Then the man said, 'We have to protect the guests of this hotel against such people as you are. We want only respectable people in this hotel. It is a crime in New York for such people as you to be in a hotel.' Mr. Favis asked the man who he was and he threw on the bed a card with the words, 'A. R. Walty, assistant manager,' on it.

"My husband told him he didn't want any dispute because I was sick," Mrs. Favis went on, "and offered to call up friends who would identify us. He called up Dr. Oberndorfer and told him what had happened. At first Mr. Walty would not talk to Mr. Oberndorfer, but finally he went to the phone. He told the doctor he didn't believe him. My husband said we would leave the hotel but that Mr. Walty would have to leave the room first. He asked Mr. Walty if he couldn't see that I was in my nightdress. 'Oh, Mr. Walty said, looking at me, 'I guess she's been seen that way before.'"

Mrs. Favis said that she was sitting

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LAURENS
CIGARETTE
OF ROYALTY

on the foot of the bed at the time. They finally left the hotel at 2 A. M. Mr. Walty testified that he found that he had been mistaken and apologized and asked the Favishes to remain, but that they refused to do so.

William C. Muschenheim, proprietor of the hotel, and Frederick V. Wishart, the superintendent, both testified that Walty had exceeded his authority and that the hotel company was not responsible for his act. The case was not finished.

SUIT OVER INTERLEAVED "ADS."

Newspaper Seeks to Collect Full Price for Use of Its Circulation.

Action to stop the practice of certain merchants of hiring news dealers to put in the Sunday newspapers advertising circulars printed to resemble a page of the newspaper was taken yesterday by the Press Publishing Company in behalf of the World. Two suits were filed in the supreme court against the Adams-Flanagan Company, owner of a Bronx Flanagan store, and a second suit asks for money damages of \$50,000. The complaint recites that the defendant has caused advertisements to be printed resembling a full page advertisement in the newspaper and inserted in copies of the newspaper with the intention of deceiving the general public and leading the public to believe that the advertisement was published by the newspaper, with the intention of obtaining for it the same consideration as if it had been duly paid for at the newspaper rates. It is well known that a page advertisement costs a large sum and gives the impression that the defendant is doing a large and prosperous business. A page "ad" in the newspaper costs \$10, the complaint states, and the plaintiff asks payment at that rate for twenty weeks, amounting to \$200, and \$15,000 additional damages because of the wrongful acts of the defendant.

Suffragists to Read Letter From Taft.

Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch returned from Albany yesterday, where she went to attend the hearing on the woman suffrage bill. She said a surprise at the women's meeting in Cooper Union tonight will be a letter from President Taft. It was written in answer to one sent by her. Col. Roosevelt and Gov. Wilson received similar letters, but they did not reply. Gov. Harmon was overlooked, but Mrs. Blatch decided yesterday to reach him with a telegram.

RICH WOMAN SLAIN IN LITTLE ITALY FEUD

Mrs. Spinelli, Whose Daughter
Killed Tough Chick, Shot
Dead in Her Stable.

SLAYERS ESCAPE IN CROWD

Vengeance Was Sworn Against Mother
and Daughter by the Dead
Man's Friends.

A feud which began with a killing last October flashed out into a murder last night when Mrs. Pasquella Spinelli, called the richest woman in Harlem's Little Italy, was shot dead out of the darkness of a stable at 334 East 108th street. Two men ran out of the stable after the shooting with revolvers in their hands and though they sped through a crowded street nobody attempted to stop them and they lost themselves in the shadows.

It was Mrs. Spinelli's daughter, Mrs. Nicolino Lanire, who invited the revenge of the gang of tough young Italians in the eastern streets of Harlem when on October 29 of last year she stabbed Francisco Monaco to death in her mother's home at 239 East 108th street. The coroner discharged the girl upon her story that Monaco was attempting to rob her mother's safe at the time she fell upon him with a carving knife. From the day Mrs. Spinelli's daughter was released friends of Monaco had breathed threats against mother and daughter.

Mrs. Spinelli was part owner in the stable in East 108th street where she was killed. She had gone to the stable shortly after 8 o'clock to talk to Giovanni Ravot, the foreman, and was half way up the runway between the first and second floors when Ravot heard the shots. He saw two men race out into the street. The woman he found lying on the runway with one bullet hole in her right temple and another through her neck. Seven shots were fired, the foreman thought, but only two took effect. The woman died instantly.

Those who saw the murderers run out of the stable with their weapons in their hands made no effort to get in their way gave the police fairly comprehensive descriptions. The detectives of the East 108th street station began to search for some of the gang, of which Monaco, the man killed last October, was a member. The killing of Monaco, who was known as Tough Chick, came as the culmination of the efforts of several young men of the district to attach themselves to Mrs. Spinelli's reputed fortune through an alliance with her daughter. Once the girl went out as to take a license to wed Gaetano Napolitano, but because he could not secure a dowry from the mother Napolitano never went to the priest.

Then Monaco became a suitor and it was during his courtship that he attempted to rob Mrs. Spinelli and invited the attack which killed him. After her release by the coroner's jury the daughter married Lanire, who was not a member of Tough Chick's gang.

Judge Geiger's Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—In executive session today the Senate confirmed the nomination of Ferdinand Geiger to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

HEAR BRANDT AGAIN.

Grand Jurors Also Examine McLaughlin and Two "American" Men.

Nearing the close of its labors, the Brandt conspiracy grand jury heard four witnesses yesterday afternoon. The former Police Inspector William W. McLaughlin, S. S. Carvalho, business manager of the New York American; Clarence J. Shearn, William R. Hearst's principal legal advisor, and Folke E. Brandt.

McLaughlin was called to explain how the Woodbridge report on Brandt's character was prepared and what Howard S. Gans referred to when he wrote to McLaughlin in March, 1907, thanking the then head of the Detective Bureau for past favors. McLaughlin's memory was not clear as to all the details. He recalled that Gans had supplied the department with memoranda concerning Brandt and that the memoranda had been turned over to Detective Sergeant Woodbridge for verification. He had supposed that Woodbridge did verify Gans's material. He did not know what Gans meant by the reference to "past favors."

Mr. Carvalho and Mr. Shearn were aware of threats that had been received by the Hearst newspapers to the effect that the papers would suffer if they didn't let up on Schiff and Gans. It is understood that they put certain letters before the grand jury.

Brandt related once more how he got into Mortimer L. Schiff's house on the night of March 8, 1907. He repeated that he did not force a door or crawl in through a coal hole, but that he entered the house by means of a key that had been given to him several months previously. The only witness scheduled for to-day is John H. Iselin, who was a law partner of Howard S. Gans when Brandt was prosecuted. He made an affidavit that Gans did not sit on the bench with Judge Rosalsky the day Brandt pleaded guilty to burglary in the first degree. He will be questioned, probably, as to who was present in Part I. of the Court of General Sessions the day Brandt was sentenced, April 4, 1907.

Assistant District Attorney Perkins, who draws up indictments, had two long conferences with the District Attorney yesterday afternoon.

RETIRED BANKER STRICKEN.

Nathaniel G. Macrum, Formerly of
Pittsburg, Taken to Hospital.

Nathaniel G. Macrum, a retired Pittsburg banker, was found suffering probably from apoplexy at Seventy-second street and Central Park West last evening. He was taken care of by Edward Van Buren of 129 West Eighty-third street until an ambulance from Flower Hospital arrived. Dr. Andrews, who was with the ambulance, took him to Bellevue Hospital. His condition is serious.

Mr. Macrum lives at 65 West Sixty-ninth street with his two sons. One is Edward K. Macrum, an organizer, and the other is George C. Macrum, an artist. The physicians at Bellevue Hospital said last night that Mr. Macrum was in a very critical condition. They were in doubt as to the exact nature of his illness and would not be able to come to a conclusion in their diagnosis of his case for forty-eight hours. It appears, though, that he is suffering from apoplexy.

Edward K. Macrum said last night that his father apparently had been in excellent health and that the first he or his brother knew of their father's attack came from the hospital. The elder Mr. Macrum is 81 years old and a native of Pittsburg. Until a couple of years ago when he came to New York he was the head of a bank at East Liverpool, Ohio.

INSPECTS WATERSHED; SOIL COLORS WATER

Commissioner Thompson Finds
Recent Rains Have Washed
Earth Into Streams.

NEEDS FILTRATION PLANT

New York Will Receive Muddy Supply
Until It Improves System,
Says Official.

Commissioner Thompson of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity took a trip through the Croton watershed yesterday afternoon to inspect the little streams that for a month past have caused the trouble with New York's supply of drinking water. Conditions were aggravated yesterday by a shower early in the morning. While the Commissioner thinks that nothing can be done until the city gets a new filtration plant he wanted to see things first hand again.

When he got back last night the commissioner said that all there is to the present water situation is that rain has washed the top soil into the reservoirs.

"While we have had 2 per cent. less rain on the average than there was at this time last year," he said, "it has come down all at once and so has not had a chance to soak into the ground. I have looked the ground over and I think three or four days will see the end of the trouble."

The Commissioner also said that within the next two or three months bids will be advertised for the construction of the new filtration plant, which will be in the eastern basin of the Jerome Park reservoir.

"When the plant is finished," he said, "the whole water supply coming into New York will be as clean as the water we now get in bottles."

The Commissioner said there is nothing to do except wait. Complaints have been pouring into his office from Manhattan and many have been received in the office of Deputy Commissioner Jordan from The Bronx. The only reply possible, according to the officials, is that heavy rains and rapid thaw are responsible. The ground which has been pretty well frozen this winter has thawed only on the surface so far and that means that the top soil is being washed into the streams that feed the reservoirs. That means also that the mud in the water that you would like to drink or bathe in will continue to be there until the present supply is drained off.

Deputy Commissioner Jordan said last night that the department is helpless so long as the city is handicapped by lack of an adequate filtration plant and so long as present weather conditions prevail.

"This water is chemically all right," said the Deputy Commissioner. "There is nothing impure about it so far as the analysis which we make every day shows."

Red McGuire e Pleads Guilty.

Frank McGuire, known as Red, who was on trial before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions for stealing Mrs. Martha Morrison's diamonds in the early dawn of last Christmas morning, pleaded guilty to grand larceny yesterday morning and will be sentenced next week.

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CORNELL SEEKS COURSE COST. MRS. TOLLA OUT OF PRISON.

Students Asked to Tell What They Have
to Spend a Year.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 20.—"What does an education at Cornell University cost?" is the inquiry started by President Schurman to-day.

Letters were sent to every student in the university with a list of questions. The answers will be tabulated and interpreted by the statistician, Prof. Wilcox.

The purpose of the investigation is to estimate the average expenses and to find the minimum on which students actually can go through Cornell, so as to have substantial knowledge on which to base replies to the numerous queries received from prospective students and their parents.

CALL WILL SIGNATURE FORGERY.

Experts Called In Contest Over Stock
Piano Money.

Albert S. Osborn and William S. Kinsey, handwriting experts, testified yesterday before Surrogate Fowler that what purported to be the signature of Mrs. Minna Steek Miller on a will executed December 8 last, the day before she died in a hospital, was a forgery. Both based their opinions on the fact that she didn't write the capital "S" as she was accustomed to write it and said she would be unlikely to change her chirography when she was weak and near death.

The testimony was offered in the suit of Theodore Miller, her husband, a druggist. The will left him only a mortgage for \$5,000 on the house he owns and gave the rest of the estate to her sister, Mrs. Edith Steek Miller, who married Miller's brother and partner. The women were daughters of the founder of the Steek piano business.

Killed a Man and Sentenced to Be
Hanged, but Served Six Years.

Mrs. Antoinette Tolla, who was convicted of murder six years ago in Hackensack, N. J., and sentenced to be hanged and for whose benefit Gov. Stokes in March, 1906, called a special meeting of the Board of Pardons which commuted her sentence to seven and a half years in prison, got out yesterday from the New Jersey State prison in Trenton and came to New York. She was met at the Pennsylvania Station by her husband, Giovanni Tolla, and her two children.

When she went to prison she spoke hardly any English, but she now speaks it perfectly and says that she has learned stenography, typewriting and to make fancy embroidery, which she hopes to turn to good account. Her husband is a day laborer. At the station a fund of \$712.87, which was raised for her children by a Cincinnati newspaper when it looked as though she would be hanged, was given to her.

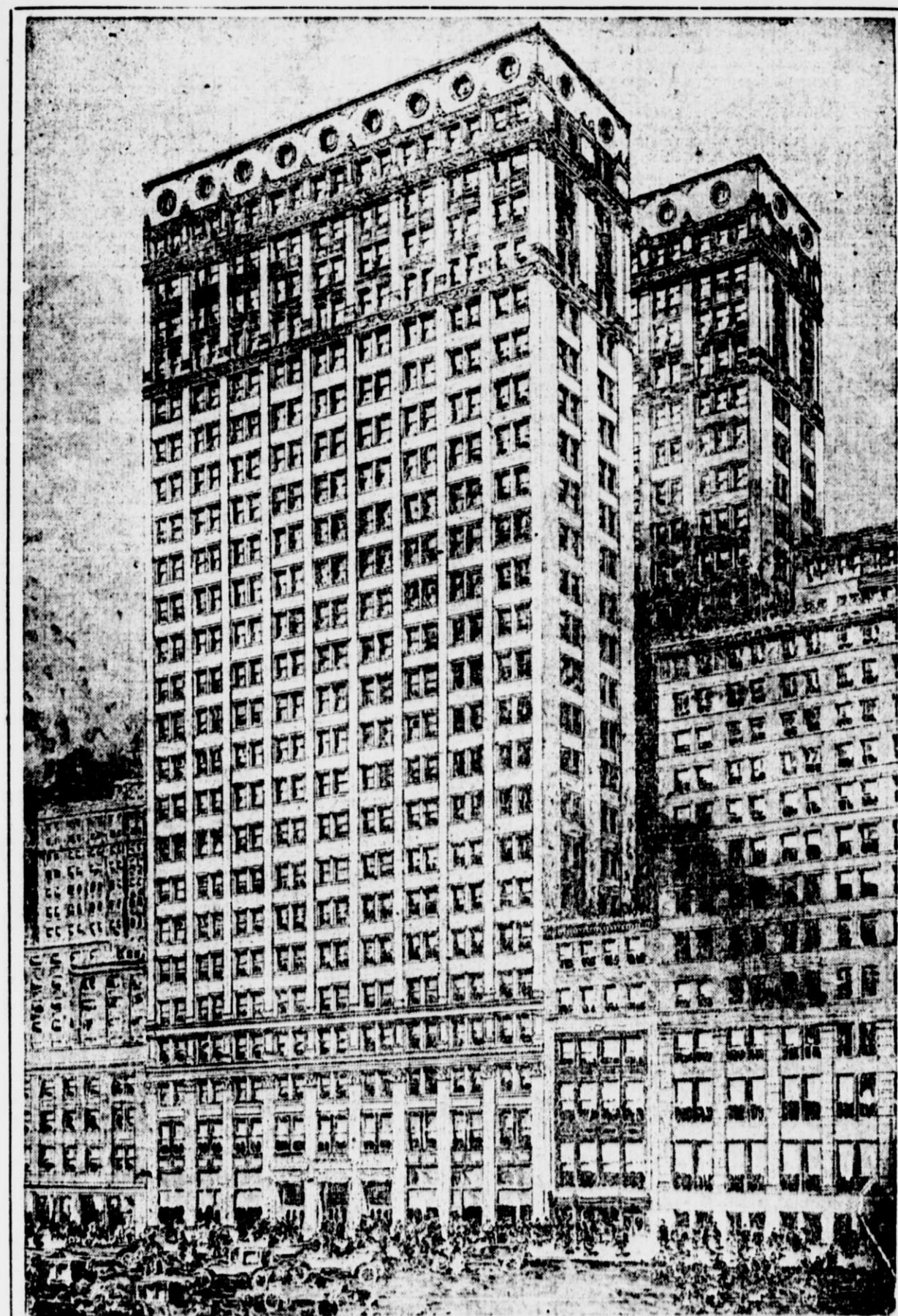
Mrs. Tolla was convicted and sentenced for the murder of Joseph Sontara in Hackensack. At her trial it was shown that she killed the man because he wanted her to leave her husband and to lead a life of shame for him.

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